

MEDICARE HMO's

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the adequacy of Federal oversight of Medicare health maintenance organizations and how to assure quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries who enroll in HMO's, after receiving testimony from Sarah F. Jaggar, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, and Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Geraldine Dallek, Center for Health Care Rights, Los Angeles, California; Jesse Jampol, Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, New York, New York, on behalf of the Group Health Association of America; Helen Imbernino, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Wash-

ington, D.C.; and Suzanne C. Mercure, Southern California Edison, Rosemead.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Thomas E. Castleton, Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, former Special Assistant to the Counsel to the President; Carolyn C. Huber, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Personal Correspondence; Stephen R. Neuwirth, Associate Counsel to the President; and Clifford M. Sloan, Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Bethesda, Maryland, former Associate Counsel to the President.

Hearings will continue on Monday, August 7.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2177–2190, 2192; 1 private bill, H.R. 2191; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92, and H. Res. 210 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, amended (H. Doc. 104–229).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Waldholtz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today:

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, and Small Business.

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Labor–HHS–Education Appropriations: By a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 626, the House passed H.R. 2127, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

Pages H8315–59, H8363–H8421

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing amendments that sought to strike language relating to striker replacements; strike language that prohibits OSHA from promulgating or issuing any guidelines regarding ergonomic protection or reporting related occupational injuries and illnesses; and strike language relating to the National Labor Relations Board salaries and expenses (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 625).

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Agreed To:

The Moran amendment that provides that \$7.5 million of the funds made available to the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) be made available for the Office of Alternative Medicine;

Pages H8329–30

The Goodling amendment that increases by \$4.9 million in funding for vocational and adult education, earmark that amount for the National Institute for Literacy and offset that by reducing the funding for the Department's education, research, statistics, and improvement account;

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The Hastert amendment that changes language concerning the criteria institutions of higher education must follow in demonstrating a history and continuing practice of program expansion for members of the underrepresented sex with respect to

gender equity in order to use funds available from the Department's Office of Civil Rights;

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The Cunningham amendment that strikes language computing basic support payments and construction payments for impact aid programs;

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The Gordon amendment that prohibits use of funds for Pell Grants to students at a institution of higher education ineligible to participate in a loan program as a result of a high default rate determination;

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The Lazio of New York that increases by \$13.793 million funding for the National Senior Volunteer Corps;

Pages H8407-08

The Emerson amendment that prohibit use of funds for the Electronic Benefits Transfer Task Force;

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The Johnson of Texas amendment that increase funding for School Improvement Programs and Vocational and Adult Education by \$50 million and \$100 million respectively;

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The Kleczka amendment that prohibits use of funds used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to implement a change in the consumer price index except when the House of Representatives and the Senate have authorized a change based upon a comprehensive revision of the market; and

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The Ewing amendment that prohibits use of funds to conduct audits of banks participating in the student loan program that have loaned \$5 million or less in student loans.

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Rejected:

The Hoekstra amendment that eliminates funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in fiscal year 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 218);

Pages H8364-67, H8370-71

The Kolbe amendment that sought to strike language that allows States sole discretion in deciding on abortion funding (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 619);

Pages H8371-78, H8386-87

The Ganske amendment that sought to delete language that prohibits Federal financial assistance to support to graduate medical education programs that accreditation programs that require abortion training to be accredited (rejected by a recorded vote 190 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 620);

Pages H8378-82, H8387

The Blute amendment that sought to provide \$1.2 billion in funding to the LIHEA program and offset that increase by reducing by 2 percent discretionary spending in each account on a pro rata basis (rejected by a recorded vote of 53 ayes to 367 noes, with 3 voting "present" Roll No. 621);

Pages H8382-85, H8387-88

The Skaggs amendment that sought to delete language in the bill that prohibits the use of Federal funds for political advocacy (rejected by a recorded vote 187 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 622);

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The Solomon amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds by any institution of higher education if compulsory student fees at that institution are used to support any group or organization for public policy influence or political campaigns (rejected by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 623); and

Pages H8398-H8405

The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds by the NIH to convey exclusive license or patent rights for a drug; release on an exclusive basis drug testing information derived from NIH animal tests or human clinical trials; or enter into a cooperative research and development agreement under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 and provide that these restrictions could be waived when it is determined that a reasonable pricing clause is not in the public interest (rejected by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 624).

Pages H8408-10, H8418

The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Lowey amendment that sought to increase by \$4 million funding for student financial assistance; and

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The Saxton amendment that sought to reduce by \$10 million funds made available for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention disease control, research and training general fund; reduce by \$25.691 million funds made available for the Administration for Children and Families refugee and entrant assistance; and increase by \$25.691 million funds made available for Impact Aid.

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Points of order were sustained against the following amendments:

The Kolbe amendment that sought to strike language that allows States sole discretion in deciding on abortion funding and insert language that states that the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable with respect to medical assistance consisting of abortions furnished where pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; and

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The Menendez amendment that sought to prohibit the payment of salaries to government officials who accept for personal benefit tax exempt funds from any tax-exempt organization.

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross references, punctuation, indentation, and to make any other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Meeting Hour: House agreed to meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 5. Page H8421

Legislative Program: It was made in order that when the House convene on Friday, August 4 that further consideration of H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to H. Res. 207, shall be governed by the following order: (1) immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance, the House shall resolve into the Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of H.R. 1555 pursuant to House Resolution 207 without intervening motion; (2) consideration in the Committee of the Whole shall proceed without intervening motion except the amendments printed in the House Report 104-223, except one motion to rise, if offered by Representative Bliley; (3) that any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole shall be deemed as having been adopted in the House; and (4) that Representative Conyers shall have permission to modify amendment numbered 22.

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Presidential Message—National Urban Policy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the Administration's National Urban Policy Report—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Pages H8421-22

District Work Period: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 92, providing for the adjournment of the two Houses. Page H8422

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit Friday, August 5 during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Appropriations, Banking and Financial Services, Budget, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, National Security, Rules, Science, Small Business, Standards of Official Conduct, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs and Ways and Means. Page H8422

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H8311.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8361-62.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8370-71, H8386-87, H8387, H8387-88, H8396-97, H8404-05, H8418, H8419-20, and H8420-21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned on Friday, August 4, at 1:25 a.m.

Committee Meetings

ADMINISTRATION'S REVISED BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration's Revised Budget. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neill, Director, CBO; and Alice M. Rivlin, Director, OMB.

FUTURE OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment concluded hearings on the Future of the Medicare Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOCAL EMPOWERMENT AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Senator Hatfield; Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; Charles Griffiths, Director, Intergovernmental Liaison, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Met and approved pending Committee business.

ANDERSON V. ROSE

Committee on House Oversight: Task Force on Contested Election assigned to the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina approved Representative Rose's motion to dismiss the *Anderson v. Rose* case.

The Task Force also approved a motion to refer the report of the Task Force on this case to the Department of Justice for further investigation.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN'S) PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 63, relating to the Republic of China (Taiwan's) participation in the United Nations. Testimony was heard from Representative Solomon; Kent Wiedemann, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.